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1. The Jozef Stalin Machine Works at Laband (Laband - O 51/Y 38) is about one kilometer outside the town on the Gliwice (Gleiwitz) ~~Kozmierzyn~~ (Heydebreck) railroad line. It employs about 6,000 people who work in three shifts. The plant is guarded on the outside by KBW (Corps of Internal Security) soldiers armed with Soviet PPSz submachine guns, and on the inside by industrial guards. The entire factory area is surrounded by a two and one-half meter high cement wall.
2. The buildings of the plant are: machine hall A, machine hall B, the construction hall, steel tempering plant (hartownia), casting plant (odlewnia), and administration building; another machine hall is now being built.
3. Machine hall A is of reinforced concrete construction, 200 meters long and 120 meters wide. It is divided into three sections: the first section manufactures tank ~~parts~~, the second assembles tanks and the third section loads them on trains. In the first section, about 50 officers and non-commissioned officers work on tank armament and control parts. Each section is divided from the next by a five-meter high wall.
4. Machine hall B is of the same size and construction as hall A. A steel mesh fence divides it into eleven sections. They are:
  - a. Machine tools (obrablaski)
  - b. Tool crib
  - c. ~~Raw machining (sic)~~
  - d. Boring machine shop (wytaczarki) and lathe shop (tokarnie)
  - e. "Trasernia" (sic)
  - f. Locksmith shop
  - g. Grinding machine shop (szlifiernia)

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- h. Parts inspection
- i. Storage of new machinery
- j. Milling machine shop (frezarki)
- k. Storage of unmachined parts

- 5. The entire building contains over 1,000 different types of machines such as lathes (tokarnie), milling machines (frezarki), boring machines (wytaczarki), planes (heblarki), "szeplingi" (sic), borers (wiertarki), "dluciarki" (sic), and grinders (szlifierki). New machines are installed by eight cranes. About 1,200 people work in the hall per shift.
- 6. Nothing is known about the work done in the steel tempering plant, the casting plant or in the construction hall.
- 7. The administration building is 15 stories high, 20 meters long, and 15 meters wide.
- 8. The plant produces 40-ton tanks for the Polish Army which have intercommunication systems and carry 12 to 15 centimeter thick armor plate. Production probably started in the winter of 1951-1952; it was definitely in progress in May 1952. The plant shifted to military production in 1947.
- 9. The factory also makes a machine gun bullet which measures two by eight centimeters.<sup>1</sup>

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- 1.  Comment: Latest information available concerning the plant lists Karwat as the director of this plant, which was the former Hermann Goering Plant.

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